

SURVEILLANCE

"Freedom from Military Surveillance"

H. R. 142 Referred to Judiciary Committee

[Kastenmeier]

H. R. 266 Referred to Judiciary Committee

[Boland]

H. R. 539 Referred to Judiciary Committee

[Holtzman]

S. 84 Referred to Judiciary Committee

[Mathias, Tunney and Bayh]

I. Amends Chapter 109, Title 18 to prohibit any U.S. civilian employee or member of the Armed Forces from willfully causing any part of the Armed Forces to conduct surveillance over, or maintain records on the beliefs, associations, political activities, private and business transactions of U.S. citizens. Four exceptions are recognized. These provisions do not apply where such activity is otherwise required by statute; nor do they limit or enlarge such legal authority of the Armed Forces as may exist to collect information relevant to criminal investigations charged to the Armed Forces, to employment applications, to restoration of public order once the Armed Forces have been deployed under 10 U.S.C. 331-334.

II. Amends Title 28 to impose liability on any U.S. civilian employee or member of the Armed Forces for damages to persons or groups he has subjected to prohibited surveillance or record-keeping; to authorize any group subjected to such prohibited activities to bring civil action against the U.S. for appropriate equitable relief; to provide for class action and venue relating to such actions.